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SUBJECT: MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO ETHIOPIA

REF: (A) ADDIS ABABA 14364; (B) STATE 269224

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

1. WE BELIEVE POSITIVE CONVERSATION OF DECEMBER 16 BETWEEN EASUM AND KIFLE AND PROBABLE EARLY ANNOUNCEMENT OF ASSIGNMENT OF AMBASSADOR TO ETHIOPIA SHOULD LEAVE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT IN NO DOUBT THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO CONTINUE OUR CLOSE COOPERATION WITH IT ON THE BASIS OF MUTUAL TRUST AND MUTUAL BENEFITS. CONSISTENT WITH THIS USG POSTURE, FOLLOWING DECISIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN WITH REGARD TO SPECIFIC ITEMS IN PIPELINE AND FUTURE PROCEDURES.

2. MAAG AND SERVICES AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED WITH NECESSARY

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SUPPLY AND TRAINING ACTIONS FOR REMAINING ACTIVITIES CITED

REF A, NOT DEALT WITH IN REF B, IN ACCORDANCE DOD
IMPLEMENTING INSTRUCTIONS.

3. DOD ALSO ISSUING SEPARATE INSTRUCTIONS AUTHORIZING
CONTINUATION OTHER PENDING SECURITY ASSISTANCE ACTIONS WITH
UNDERSTANDING THAT USG MAY INTERRUPT ACTION AT ANY TIME

PRIOR TO ACTUAL DELIVERY OF MATERIAL OR INITIATION OF
TRAINING. IN THE CASE OF HIGH-SILHOUETTE ITEMS SUCH AS
AIM AND TOW MISSILES AND F5E AIRCRAFT, DOD WILL SPECIFY
THAT NO NEW LETTERS OF OFFER BE ISSUED OR SHIPMENTS MADE
WITHOUT SPECIFIC CONFIRMATORY INSTRUCTIONS.

4. DOD ISSUING INSTRUCTIONS AUTHORIZING REPLACEMENT OF
MAAG PERSONNEL INCLUDED WITHIN COMPLEMENT OF 45 PROPOSED
LAST JULY. REPLACEMENT FOR PERSONNEL ABOVE 45 WILL BE
HELD IN ABEYANCE PENDING COMPLETION DOD REVIEW OF MAAG
STRENGTH.

5. EIGHT F5A AIRCRAFT PREVIOUSLY ALLOCATED (AT ZERO COST)
TO ETHIOPIA MAP FROM THOSE FORECAST TO BE DECLARED EXCESS
BY IRAN WILL REMAIN ALLOCATED TO ETHIOPIA BUT NO ACTION
WILL BE TAKEN TO INFORM ETHIOPIA OF ALLOCATION PENDING
FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF ITEM.

6. MAP SHIPMENT OF SMALL ARMS AMMUNITIONS" ABOARD
"STONEWALL JACKSON" SHOULD BE UNLOADED AS SCHEDULED. KISSIINGER

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